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1. NOTING THAT THE TOPIC OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WAS INCLUDED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA FOR THE US/EC CONSULTATION, EC OFFICIALS OPENED THE DISCUSSIONS BY OUTLINING PROGRESS TOWARD A COMMON POLICY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND BY DESCRIBING EC ACTIVITY IN THE COORDINATION OF NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF EC PROJECTS COMMON TO ALL MEMBER STATES.

2. EC OFFICIALS THEN DREW ATTENTION TO FEATURES OF THE EC POLICY WHICH ENCOURAGES COOPERATION ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL LEVELS. AS AN EXAMPLE OF BILATERAL COLLABORATION, THEY CITED COOPERATION NOW IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THE US AND THE EC IN NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH.

3. EC OFFICIALS RECALLED RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE ADVISOR DR. FRANK PRESS AND ASSISTANT
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SECRETARY OF STATE PATSY MINK CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDED US/EC COOPERATION IN OTHER FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND SUGGESTED THREE FIELDS AS PARTICULARLY SUITABLE FOR IMMEDIATE COOPERATION: (1) RAW MATERIALS, (2) MEDICAL RESEARCH, AND (3) FORECASTING AND ASSESSMENT. THREE ADDITIONAL FIELDS WERE MENTIONED AS SUITABLE FOR FUTURE COOPERATION: (1) SECONDARY RAW MATERIALS,

(2) CLIMATOLOGY, AND (3) ENZYME TECHNOLOGY.

4. UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AND DIRECTOR GENERAL SCHUSTER
(DG XII) AGREED THAT THESE SIX AREAS WERE PROMISING FIELDS
FOR US/EC COOPERATION AND AGREED FURTHER THAT THE NEXT STEP
WILL BE TO CONVENE A MEETING OF EXPERTS FROM THE TWO SIDES
TO SELECT AREAS FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND TO WORK OUT
CONCRETE MODES OF COOPERATION. HINTON

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